

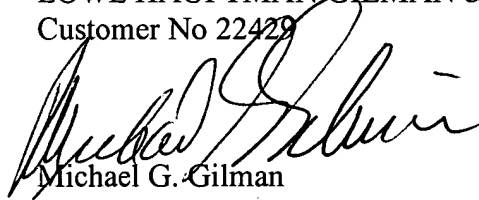
claim 24, that is sequence ID No. 1. Claims 1-8 are generic to the subject matter of claim 24. Therefore, claims 1-8 and 24 are hereby elected for immediate prosecution. Claims 25-32 are hereby withdrawn from immediate prosecution. Should the examiner find claims 1-8, or any of them, to be allowable, it is expected that she will reinstate claims 24-32 and continue their prosecution.

An action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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